

## WOMEN WHO WIELD THE FORCEPS

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The independence and freedom from care of this cozy out-of-door life has an indescribable charm, and brings such rest and pleasure as can hardly be understood by those who have not had it. It freshens spirit and soul as well as body, and restores from this perception, which have been dulled and blinded by the din of the town and city.

Then there those of a totally different civilization from our own, who add vastly to the picturesqueness and variety of the social life. Mrs. Yang Yu, the wife of the preceding minister from China, was the first Chinese woman to mingle freely in Washington society, but became so popular and was really such a feature in diplomatic circles that Mrs. Wu, her successor, is following in the way she opened. All these peoples from all these lands, bringing as they do the manners and customs of their own countries, tend to make up the deficiencies of America.

And sorrowful was his moan.  
Old age had shrivelled and bent his frame;  
Age and hard work together  
Had scattered his locks and bleared his eyes—  
Age and the winter weather.

"Old man," said Death, "do you tremble  
to know  
That now you are near the end?"  
The old man looked: "You are Death,"  
said he,  
"And at last I've found a friend."

**A Breach of Promise.**  
The other day a little boy was heard relating to his chums his first experience in purchasing a pair of shoes. He said the salesman told him positively that the shoes would wear a long time and they had only worn two weeks. He declared he was going to have the salesman sued for